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Ms. Stephanie Goebel
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***RE: Request for Information (RFI) Number 16-04
Modernized Elections System for Washington State***

Dear Ms. Goebel:

With respect for the Office of the Secretary of State (OSOS), and this RFI/RFP process, Election Systems and Software (ES&S) has decided not to submit a response to the RFI. However, it is likely that we will respond to the RFP. ES&S is eager to continue our long-standing working relationship with the OSOS. ES&S is passionate about our industry, and we deliver better elections every day to thousands of election jurisdictions worldwide. ES&S is also eager to continue our long standing working relationship with the county elections officials through our DIMS Voter Registration Division. DIMS is a proven partner to the OSOS and many of the top counties in the State of Washington.

The Modernized Elections System for Washington State is an ambitious undertaking by the OSOS. Replacing the state voter registration database will involve certain risks, including the challenges associated with design, development, testing, implementation, maintenance, and operations. Replacing the county voter registration systems will present certain challenges too, as the business processes of the county elections officials are likely to change significantly during this implementation.

To reduce the risks associated with this project, ES&S is likely to respond to the RFP by offering our Voter Registration, Ballot Online, VoterView, and Election Night Reporting Systems. These products are fully developed, integrated, and used by the top election officials in the nation. To enhance our solution further, ES&S is likely to partner with one the top systems integrators in state government, to deliver the project management and services required by this implementation. ES&S adopted a similar approach recently for VoteCal. ES&S partnered with the California Secretary of State, CGI Technologies (Systems Integration), DIMS, and DFM to provide a best of breed team for the state and county elections officials. We are proud to say that VoteCal is ahead of schedule for full implementation in 2016.

The OSOS asked the vendor community to identify any requirements that need the attention of the OSOS prior to the release of the RFP. ES&S found the requirements to be within industry standards, and these requirements will be understood by the election vendor community.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss Modernized Elections System for Washington State. Please let us know if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,



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cc: Ross Underwood, Director of DIMS Voter Registration, ES&S